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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BOURQUE ET AL.

Examiner

Jerry Redman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/17/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

The applicant's information disclosure statement dated 11/17/2003 has been considered and a copy has been placed in the file. Furthermore, along the left side of each of the three pages of IDS, an arrow is pointing to references which the Examiner found little to no reference to the applicant's disclosed and claimed invention.

Claims 1 and 7 are objected to because in line 8 of each claim, it appears that "coving" should be --covering--.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.


Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gillen et al. (5,473,840). Gillen et al. ('840) disclose a closure panel assembly (14) comprising a pair of guide rails (16 and 18; for claims 6 and 14 where the first surface feature is formed of plastic material, Gillen et al. disclose in column 12, lines 38-46, channel liners, which includes the first surface feature, are formed of flocking material or other similar material used to support and seal vehicle windows, i.e. it is well known to that flocking material can be formed of plastic material to provide sealing functions as described) having channels and affixed to glass fixed panels (20 and 22) on opposite sides of an opening, a glass sliding panel (24) having an outer face and a first and second edge bordering the outer face, the first and second edges disposed within the

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guide rails (16 and 18) when the sliding panel moves between an open and closed position, a compression seal (26) extending about the periphery of the opening, the guide rails (16 and 18) having a pair of engagement portions (58) in the form of a first surface feature projecting laterally in the direction of the opening defined by the fixed panels, a portion of the outer face of the sliding panel (24) having a pair of second surface features (72) projecting towards the engagement portion (58), and a third surface feature (as shown in Figure 10A, the first surface feature (112) would be the top projection and the third surface feature would be the one below the top projection or visa verse; furthermore, the embodiment of Figure 10A would read on just the first and second feature as well) engaging the second surface feature (72).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. patent to Freimark et al. ('284) disclose a closure panel assembly similar to that of the applicant's invention. U.S. patent to Buening ('110) discloses a closure panel assembly having features similar to that of the applicant's invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerry Redman at telephone number 571-272-6835.



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